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Mary D. Nichols
Chair, California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Reference: Comment Letter from the City of San Diego on Electrify America's Supplement to the California ZEV Investment Plan: Cycle 1

Dear Ms. Nichols:

The City of San Diego (City) is pleased to submit comments on Electrify America's Supplement to the California ZEV Investment Plan: Cycle 1. The City has been identified as one of the top five metropolitan areas to be prioritized for community charging investments, and we welcome the opportunity to expand our current zero emission vehicle (ZEV) charging infrastructure. With one of the highest levels of electric vehicle drivers per capita we look forward to accelerating market transformation from the combustion engine to ZEVs, and we feel that the San Diego region provides a prime opportunity to showcase this opportunity. With high ZEV adoption rates and robust community and political support we feel that the City will be a strong partner for Electrify America. The City of San Diego has built a solid foundation of collaboration with a variety of partners in the region on ZEVs planning, preparation, and market transformation, among other efforts. This collaboration can be seen in the original proposal submitted to Electrify America.

To further ensure success, the City would like to suggest that Electrify America place staff in each of the five metropolitan areas identified in the ZEV Investment Plan to ensure local and statewide familiarity with permitting processes and consistent contact with local agencies. As the City and our region has invested resources into EV readiness planning, communication efforts locally is key to successful implementation of a project of this scale. Electrify America has maintained communications with the City throughout their investment planning process and we hope to maintain a close working relationship as projects are developed.

Though the City is diligently working towards meeting the goals of its Climate Action Plan, which was developed in part to assist the State of California reach its goals set forth in AB32, funding from the State is noticeably absent in San Diego. The City encourages CARB to take opportunities such as the Electrify America investments to close this funding gap and ensure all cities in California are afforded the opportunity to see improvements in environmental quality and economic prosperity through climate change-related projects.



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The City of San Diego appreciates CARB's consideration of our comments and we look forward to your responses. If you have any questions, please contact Cody Hooven at (619) 236-6563 or chooven@sandiego.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cody Hooven", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Cody Hooven
Chief Sustainability Officer